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Winter Wheat Headed Jumps 39 Points

APRIL 28 - End of the week showers provided a good soaking for most of the State. Several counties in the Northeast and North Central districts reported they needed run off to replenish low pond water levels. Statewide, topsoil moisture supplies continued to improve with 72 percent being rated adequate or surplus this week compared with 66 percent last week. Subsoil moisture supplies improved from last week also with 51 percent being rated adequate or surplus compared with 45 percent the previous week. Statewide, there were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	13	62	10
Last Week	11	23	57	9
Last Year	6	44	49	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	23	26	46	5
Last Week	32	23	41	4
Last Year	2	15	81	2

SMALL GRAINS - Rain showers combined with warm temperatures created ideal conditions for wheat development. Fifty seven percent of the crop had headed out compared with 36 percent last year and the five year average of 46 percent. Wheat conditions continued to improve with 63 percent of this years crop now rated in fair, good or excellent condition, compared with 59 percent last week. Wheat conditions varied widely across the State though, with the Panhandle, North Central and West Central districts rating a large share of their acreage in poor to very poor condition. Reports from Woods and Harper counties predicted only 10 percent of this years dry land winter wheat would be harvested for grain. Bryan county reported rust and other wet weather associated problems in some wheat fields. Two thirds of this years oat crop was jointing and 22 percent was already heading out.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending April 28, 2002

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	21	16	29	30	4
Last Week	23	18	30	26	3
Last Year	12	25	38	23	2
Rye					
This Week	16	15	26	39	4
Oats					
This Week	11	21	40	26	2

70 percent complete compared with the five year average of 61 percent. Peanut and cotton planting were underway with 4 percent complete by weeks end. Jackson county reported cotton farmers were getting ready to begin planting as soon as soil and air temperatures warm up. Dry conditions in many of the soybean growing areas of the state have caused soybean planting to lag slightly behind normal.

HAY: The first cutting of alfalfa was getting started a little behind schedule with 6 percent cut last week compared with 39 percent last year, and the five year average of 24 percent. First cutting of other hay was just beginning with 2 percent cut last week. Statewide, both alfalfa and other hay were rated in mostly fair or good condition.

PASTURE: Statewide, range and pasture conditions continued to improve last week which was good news for those running low on hay. The State continues to be divided though, with western counties continuing to report some very poor conditions.

LIVESTOCK: Kingfisher county reported an unusual number of 850 pound and larger feeder cattle being retained on graze out acres. Reports of supplemental hay feeding ending was good news. Cattle auctions reported a slight increase in marketings over the previous week. There was a jump in the number of steers over 800 pounds being sold. Prices received for feeder steers less than 800 pounds decreased from \$81.20 per cwt. to an average of \$80.90 per cwt. Heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$71.40 per cwt., about \$3.10 less than the previous week.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending April 28, 2002

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	8	36	47	8
Other Hay	2	10	48	33	7

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending April 28, 2002

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	2	11	38	41	8
Pasture & Range	11	17	33	28	11

ROW CROPS: Corn planting advanced quickly last week to

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS									
Week Ending April 28, 2002									
Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr. Avg	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr. Avg
Percent Development					Percent Development				
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Jointing	95	85	93	98	Seedbed Prepared	55	47	72	64
Headed	57	18	36	46	Planted	15	9	32	20
Oats -					Peanuts -				
Jointing	66	45	72	78	Seedbed Prepared	77	67	85	67
Headed	22	11	30	38	Planted	4	1	9	5
Corn -					Cotton -				
Seedbed Prepared	87	76	92	96	Seedbed Prepared	84	75	88	78
Planted	70	42	80	61	Planted	4	n/a	8	4
Emerged	31	10	31	23	Alfalfa				
Sorghum -					1 st Cutting	6	1	39	24
Seedbed Prepared	48	41	59	47	Other Hay				
Planted	7	4	13	6	1 st Cutting	2	n/a	15	9

WEATHER FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 28, 2002 - Temperatures ranged from 31 degrees at Kenton on Monday, April 22nd to 91 degrees at Arnett on Tuesday, April 23rd . Precipitation averaged 0.06 in. Panhandle to 1.75 in. Northeast district. Individual Mesonet Stations ranged from 0.00 in. at Kenton to 3.83 in. at Newkirk. Soil temperatures averaged 61 degrees at Weatherford on Sunday, April 28^h to 78 degrees at Waurika on Wednesday, April 24th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA							
Week Ending April 28, 2002							
Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1 to April 28, 2002		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees			Inches				
Panhandle	75	42	59.1	0.06	0.80	- 2.56	24
West Central	70	50	60.9	0.90	3.67	- 1.16	76
Southwest	72	52	62.3	1.01	5.65	+ 0.89	119
North Central	70	46	59.1	0.92	3.26	- 2.18	60
Central	71	50	61.0	0.77	6.35	- 0.18	97
South Central	74	54	64.1	1.16	10.23	+ 3.17	145
Northeast	71	48	60.3	1.75	6.18	- 1.22	83
East Central	72	52	62.8	0.91	9.69	+ 1.56	119
Southeast	75	54	64.8	1.37	14.91	+ 6.24	172